



Freeport Community Foundation

2015

Annual Report to the Community

The mission of the Freeport Community Foundation is to help provide for the well-being of the citizens of northwest Illinois by accumulating assets in the form of permanent funds and prudently distributing income from those funds to charitable organizations.

How have we made an impact?

\$67,676.54 AWARDED IN GRANTS IN 2015

Amity Society of Freeport - Kindergarten Readiness
Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County - Fitness Center
CareerTEC - Pretzel City Kitchens
City of Freeport - Freeport Working Together
FHN-Family Counseling Center - Big Brothers Big Sisters & Parent Enrichment Program
Freeport Area Church Cooperative - Push for the Playground
Freeport Art Museum - Art Camp for NCS Youth & Arts Magnetism
Little Cubs Field - Left Field Bleachers
Northern Illinois Food Bank - Capacity Building for Area Food Pantries
Parkview Home - Senior Citizen Technology
RAMP - Employment Services
Safe Families for Children - Safe Families for Children, Freeport IL
Senior Resource Center - Website Development
United Way of NW IL - Imagination Library



2015 Fall Grant Awards

\$946 awarded in YAC Grants in 2015

Children's Hands-On Museum - Northern Illinois Food Bank

2015 YAC CARE Awards (Community Awareness Reflected in Education) - Timothy Tokars, Freeport School Dist. #145. Mr. Tokars donated his \$100.00 award to the Madonna Renewal Center.

Matthew A. Marvin Community Impact Award - Alan Wenzel. Alan donated his \$1000.00 award to the Mother Hubbard's Kiddie Cupboard.

John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment Memorial - The Rosecrance Foundation - Learning Resources

Ian Murphy-Mitchard Fund for Music & Arts Grant - Boys & Girls Club of Freeport & Stephenson County

Donations of Support were made to: NICA Golden Meals, Tyler's Justice Center for Children, Winneshiek Players Inc.

In-kind donations of time, talent and expertise: Big Radio, Lisa Bull, Cindy Carroll, Culver's of Freeport, Deininger's Floral Shop, Marcy Folgate, FCF Board of Directors and Staff, Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce, Freeport/Stephenson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Brad Hart, M45 Marketing Services, Shary Meinert, Northwestern Illinois Farmer, Attorney David Olsen, Aubra Palermo, Mary Scholten, Andrea Schultz-Winter, The Journal-Standard, Uinta LLC, United Way of NW IL, Village Voices, Youth Advisory Council Members



The Foundation presented our 2015 Matthew A. Marvin Community Impact Award to Alan Wenzel. The award is named in honor of Freeport philanthropist Matt Marvin and is awarded annually to a worthy community volunteer.

Donations

The Foundation would like to thank those who have supported us with generous donations of time, talent and donations in 2015. The list of donors includes those who have made gifts from January 1-December 31, 2015 and was compiled as accurately as possible. If there are errors or omissions, please contact the Foundation office.

40th Anniversary Gifts - Anonymous, Cindy Carter, Thomas Ferguson, Tom & Peg Huber, Chad & Ann Reedy, Dan & Nancy Schmitt, Jim & Judy Shankland, Joe & Diane Vaske, Culver's of Freeport, Fehr Graham, Savant Capital Management

Administrative - U.S. Bank Foundation

Board of Directors Fund - Jim & Wendy Blair, Cheryl Kneubuehl

Community Needs Fund - Anonymous, Kim Beggin, Richard & Kelly Bennett, D. Joan Britton, Thomas & Joan Brooks, Patricia Burke, Erin Dahms, Norma Jean Davis, Ann Dorsey, Kenneth Drake, Julie & William Dreibelbis, Bob Eckert, Nancy Eckert, Robert & Kathryn Eden, Val & Barbara Feiner, Sidney & Betty Felder, Denny & Cherie Feltmeyer, Catherine Finch, Dan & Cindy Fishburn, Peter & Joan Flynn, Bob & Susan Folgate, James Fritz, Jeffrey & Janine Gehlsen, Bill & Judy George, Joseph Graham, James & Ann Haas, Jeffrey & Suzanne Hartman, Brian & Kari Helm, Gene & Ellie Henk, Georgia Herman, Betty Holland, Randall & Teresa Julius, Craig Robert Knaack, Richard & Becky Lamm, P. Michael Mahoney, Randall Manus, Kathryn Martinez, Joseph & Carolyn Mastroianni, John McConnel Jr./524 Building, Kathy Moffatt, Lawrence & Judy Murphy, Jack Myers, Robert Nickels, Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Olson, Jean Parry Clayton, John Patrou, Marjorie Phillips, Mark & Sandy Rapp, Chad & Ann Reedy, Joyce Robinson, Gordon & Judith Ross, Dolores (Jinx) Schnoes, David & Angela Snyders, Ron & Jennifer Spielman, Quentin & Joanne Valkema, Robert Wachlin, John Whiton, Larry Williams, Martha Wolf, Deborah & Allen Workman, Carl & Shirley Zulke, Beggin Tipp Lamm LLC, Benning Group LLC, Bill George Plumbing & Heating, Elliott & Trainor, P.C.; Forrester State Bank, Freeport Family Chiropractic & Acupuncture, Freeport Industrial Roofing, Inc.; Freidag Associates CPAs, Furst-McNess Company, Habitat for Humanity Recycle Store, Helm Group, Holman-Dahms Insurance, Lindo Theatre, Loescher Heating & Air Conditioning, M45 Marketing Services/FHN, Mahoney & Hauser LTD, Monroe Clinic, Reeds Auto Repair Inc., State Bank, Swift Hospitality Group, Inc.; Union Savings Bank, US Bank, US Bank Foundation

Dan and Nancy Schmitt Family Fund - Cindy Carter, Steve & Anne Cox, Barb & Chad Lessman

Freeport Area Church Cooperative (FACC) - Kenneth Drake, Joan & Rhody Marquard, Daniel Neal, John Patrou, Stanley & Carol Smith, Susan Swank

Freeport Police Canine Fund - Merry Blake, Dennis & Mary Denise Book, Patrick Busker, Jan Carlson, Steven Carroll, Keith Chesterton, Mr. & Mrs. Dick Drogosz, Thomas & Melinda Ferguson, Mr. & Mrs. James Gale, Mr. Patrick Heitzman, Jack Myers, Patricia Norman, Marjorie Phillips, Bob & Mary Spahn, Dr. & Mrs. Jim Summers, Danielle Summers, Geraldine Weier, 9 East Coffee & Café, Baumgartner Automotive LLC, Carlson Dog Training Inc., Center Elementary School, Citizens State Bank, Freeport Golden-K Kiwanis, Knollwood Estates, M45 Marketing Services, Mahoney & Hauser, Ltd., Midwest Community Bank, Neighborhood Watch, Police Benevolent & PA, Rock River Lubrication LLC, Rockford-Freeport IL Kennel Club, Ross Auto Glass Co., Savant Capital LLC, State Bank, Stateline Area Crime Stoppers, Stephenson County Crime Stop, Stephenson Service Company, Ultrasonic Power Corporation

Ian Murphy-Mitchard Scholarship for the Arts - Randall & Teresa Julius, Steve & Beth McWhirter, Ted & Marilee Odendahl, April Young

John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment Memorial - Anonymous, Dick & Marianne Drogosz, Richard Drogosz Family, Sidney & Betty Felder, Edward & Catherine Finch, Judy Garkey, Carol Garnhart, Diana Garrett, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hanson, Cheryl & Charles Hartman, Mary Margaret Hartman, Jane & Lyle Krug, Mary Lee, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Murphy, Deborah Nordgren, Susan Perry, Marjorie Phillips, Chad & Ann Reedy, Joyce Robinson, Jan Sanders, Judith Shankland, William & Mary Sisler, Beth Slade, Tim & Mida Smith, Bob & Mary Spahn, Alan & Julie Wenzel

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United Way of Northwest Illinois Endowment - Ramon & Georgann Castro, Susan Swank

VOICES Sexual Assault and Prevention Fund - Ann Rebecca Schnaper

Youth Advisory Council (YAC) - Cheryl Kneubuehl, Barb & Chad Lessman, Dan & Nancy Schmitt

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The Freeport Community Foundation's financials are audited by Benning Group, LLC. 2014 audited year-end balance: \$4,093,854.00. Full audited statements and IRS Form 990 are available upon request. The Foundation's Finance Committee meets quarterly and is responsible for overseeing the investments of the Foundation's assets. The names of the investment managers and fees charged are available upon request from our office.

A message from the President...

The Freeport Community Foundation was founded in 1975 to create a lasting legacy of funds for charitable organizations serving the people of Northwest Illinois. For 40 years FCF has provided a constant source of grant funds to our local non-profit charitable organizations. We are proud to say that FCF has awarded grants in excess of two million dollars!

In 2016, we will work towards raising awareness of the FCF. Your gifts fund our endowment process enabling us to give back to our communities forever. Please join us on the journey of making a philanthropic impact in our communities both in the immediate future and for the long term.

We welcome your questions and urge you to learn more about your FCF of NWIL by visiting us at www.freeportcommunityfoundation.org or by phone 815-801-3035.

Bob Nickels, Board President

The Foundation recognizes with sincere appreciation the following memorial gifts:

In Memory of:

Spencer Atherton - Cheryl Kneubuehl

Floyd D. Carter - Cindy Carter

John M. Drogosz - Dick & Marianne Drogosz, Richard Drogosz Family, Carol Garnhart, Marjorie Phillips, Bob & Mary Spahn, Alan & Julie Wenzel

James Engle - Ron & Jennifer Spielman

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Ian Murphy-Mitchard - Ted & Marilee Odendahl, Ms. April I. Young

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David G. Swank - Susan Swank

In Honor of:

Haley Appel - Barb & Chad Lessman

Marianne Drogosz - Diana Garrett, Jane & Lyle Krug, Deborah Nordgren, Beth Slade

Diana Garrett - Jane & Lyle Krug, Deborah Nordgren, Beth Slade

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Philanthropy is the core of the Foundation. It's how we started. It's how we have grown. And it is how we will continue to thrive. If you would like to join us on this philanthropic journey, make a donation to your favorite fund or contact us to find out how to establish a Fund:

Name _____

Address _____

City / State / Zip _____

Gift Amount: ___\$25 ___\$50 ___\$100 ___Other \$_____

Select Your Favorite Fund:

___ Community Needs Fund

___ Matthew A. Marvin Fund

___ Freeport Area Church Cooperative (FACC) Endowment Fund

___ RAMP Endowment Fund

___ Northwest Illinois-Southwest Wisconsin Fund for Community Development

___ John M. Drogosz Youth Substance Abuse Prevention/Treatment Memorial Fund

___ Ian Murphy-Mitchard Fund for Music & Arts

___ RC Miller Agriculture & Land Conservation Fund

___ Youth Advisory Council (YAC) Fund

___ United Way of Northwest Illinois Endowment

___ Dan & Nancy Schmitt Family Endowment Fund

___ VOICES Sexual Assault and Prevention Fund

___ In Memory of _____

Thank you for your donation!

For more information about the funds, go to freeportcommunityfoundation.org

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